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In re Application of :
Bunger, Reiling, Comb, Bank, : DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF
McCaffrey, Reiling, and Velten : INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER
Application No. 09/822,961 : 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT
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Papers filed on 31 July, 2002, in response to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) mailed on 31 January, 2002, included a Declaration signed by the previously non-signing inventor, Michael McCaffrey, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, as well as a four (4) month extension of time.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-6918.

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